NO NEED TO ASK PERMISSION TO ERECT PILLARS, AND INTERLOCKING SWITCHES

WILL NOT BE NEEDED. Chief Engineer Martin of the Brooklyn Bridge ession plans for the troublesom has in his possession plans for the troublesome loop at the New-York terminal which the Bridge ials think can be adopted without the aid or onsent of any persons not directly connected with the Bridge or the Brooklyn railroads. The new plans confine the loop entirely within the present Bridge structure, and will relieve the Bridge officials of the necessity of gaining permission from Oswald Ottendorfer to erect a pillar in front of his

operty at the New-York terminal.

President Rossiter, of the Brooklyn Heights Company, is well satisfied with the new plan, and thinks it will be adopted without reference to the other plans. The new scheme provides for a platform 16 feet above the present level of the tracks on the Bridge structure, and extending north from point over the switches a distance of 180 feet. In this space there are to be four transverse plat-forms instead of longitudinal platforms on either side. The track space will be planned to hold eight cars, and the cars as they enter the termi-

side. The track space will be learned and move around the curve on the other side to take on a new load. The present structure will be widened 16 feet on each side for its whole length. It will be possible for the cars to approach the loops on four tracks, and the necessity of interlocking switches will no longer exist.

An important feature of the scheme is a set of sixteen elevators, which must be put in on account of raising the platforms. Each elevator is to have a capacity of one thousand persons an hour.

Mr. Rossiter, it is said, has agreed to provide elevators enough to handle the crowd. The elevators will be on either side of the terminal, forty feet apart. It is probable that the ropf of the terminal will be raised sixteen feet in order to allow plenty of room above the platform for light and ventilation. Mr. Rossiter says that as far as the trolley lines are concerned work on the basis of the new plans could begin next week.

WEED NOT TAKE CONVICT GOODS.

LOOPHOLES IN THE NEW LAW DISCOVERED BY CORPORATION COUNSEL BURR.

Corporation Counsel Burr has advised the City Works Department that it need not take supplies made by the convicts from the Kings County Peni-tentiary, in view of the fact that the Bureau of Supplies of the City Works Department is ready to make its estimates and close contracts for the year, while the Charities Commissioners are not able to furnish supplies in sufficient quantities. The practical effect of the decision will be to demoralize the work of the Charities Commissioners and throw the convicts out of their occupations.

Commissioner Burtis and his associates are considerably disturbed at the outlook. For several weeks the convicts have been at work making brushes, tinware, shoes, brooms, etc., which, it was supposed, would be needed by the City Works Department. If the decision of Mr. Burr holds good, Sing Sing, Dannemora and Auburn will be affected just as the Kings County Penitentiary is, and the convicts will be without work.

The next Legislature will doubtless be called on to amend the law so as to cover the defective points discovered by Mr. Burr. weeks the convicts have been at work making

CONTAGION IN A SWEATSHOP.

TWO CASES OF SCARLET FEVER FOUND IN A PLACE WHERE SEVERAL PERSONS WERE WORKING.

Albany, July 15 .- State Factory Inspector O'Leary in receipt of a report from one of his deputies is in receipt of a report from one of his departed working in the sweating district in Brooklyn, to the effect that he had discovered two cases of scarlet fever in a tenement-house, where ready

made clothing was being manufactured.

The inspector found two children ill with the sease in the place visited, and also reports that disease in the place visited, and also reports that the found sixty-two pairs of trousers in the room, which was used as a workshop by the tenants. The deputy-inspector quarantined the articles of clothing found there by ettaching to each the tenement-house tag authorized by law to be used for that purpose, and then turned the case over to the Board of Health.

Under the law the Board of Health has power to condemn and destroy such articles, if, in their judgment, the case deserves such treatment.

THE CITY WILL GET \$20,000.

OFFICIALS BAY THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST JOHN Y. M'KANE WILL REALIZE NOT MORE

THAN THAT SUM.

city officials estimate that the city will against John Y. McKane to recover money which he is supposed to have set aside out of public funds for his own uses. A referee appointed to in-vestigate the affairs of McKane has reported that the old town of Gravesend had paid to McKane for town purposes \$40,000, but that no proof had been presented by McKane as to the uses made of the money. The People's Trust Company has \$20,000 to the credit of McKane as Supervisor, and

20,000 to the credit of McKane as Supervisor, and a demand was made by the city upon the trust company to pay over this amount.

Edward Johnson, secretary of the company, says that the actual amount of money on deposit in McKane's name as Supervisor was \$21,135 %. Audgment referred to on Wednesday is for \$20,760, and not \$27,000. Mr. Johnson says the trust company never disputed the city's right to this money, and will pay it over as soon as the papers are received.

SENATOR PLATT DID NOT SPEAK.

HE DISAPPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE STATE PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION AT MANHATTAN BEACH.

The New-York State Pharmaceutical Association continued its sessions at Manhattan Beach yesterday morning and afternoon. A speech by Senator Platt was one of the features advertised for the day, but when the time came for the speech the Fenator could not be found. At the morning session delegates to the meeting

of the American Pharmaceutical Society, to be held on August 24, were nominated, and the election was made unanimous at the afternoon session. The Committee on Nominations suggested the fol-lowing for vacancies in the Board of Pharmacy. C. H. Haskins, of Rochester; C. S. Ingraham, El-mita; A. S. Van Winkle, Hornelisville; Otis H.

mira; A. S. Van Winkle, Hornelisville; Otis H. Beach, Owego, and H. B. Monroe, of Dunkirk. The names will be sent to Governor Black.

After transacting more routine business the delegates and their women friends rode in special trolley-cars to inspect the mailtine works of Lieutenant-Governor Woodraff. After the visit to the factory the women had a ride through Prospect Park and the men returned to the beach to continue their work.

At the afternoon session the new officers were it stalled, and Dr. Brundage read a paper on "The Dangers of Drug-Selling by Inexperienced Storekeepers."

NO SUCCESSOR TO DR. HALL.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAS NOT FILLED HIS PLACE.

The First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn is not likely to have a successor to the Rev. Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall for several months. The committee of seventeen appointed to find a successor to Dr. Hall has suspended its work for the summer and will make no effort to get a new man until fall. When the committee was appointed last spring, it

When the committee was appointed last spring, it began sending out delegations of two op three members to listen to pastors in their own pulpits, Several prominent Presbyterian clergymen were heard in this way, and it is said that two or three invitations were all ready to be sent out.

The committee knows that if it is unable to find a good man before fall. Dr. Hall will return and stay with the church until a regular pastor is found. This assurance is most satisfactory to the people, and the committee is disposed to rest easy throughout the hot weather, knowing that in any case Dr. Hall will be on hand, and there is no man whose sermons the church would rather hear than Dr. Hall's.

THE PORTER HOME AGAIN.

The torpedo-boat Porter put in at the Navy Yard yesterday after a trial cruise along the Con necticut coast. The Porter's trip was shortened considerably by an unpleasant experience which

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt had with the weather on Wednesday.

Mr. Roosevelt was with the Porter on her trip until Wednesday, when he was exposed to the full fury of the heavy rainstorms on the Porter's unrury of the heavy rainsforms on the Forter's im-protected decks. He contracted a heavy cold and was taken ashore at a place on the Connecticut coast where he treated his cold and got into a dry suit of clothing. He is now on his way to Michi-

cept for Mr. Roosevelt's unpleasant experience rip of the Porter was wholly successful.

NEW-JERSEY NEWS.

WOUNDED AT CAMP GRIGGS

CAPTAIN REILLY FALLS INTO A PRI-VATE'S ARMS, CRYING "BOYS, I'M DONE FOR!"

THE ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF A RIFLE CAUSES AN INJURY THAT DOES NOT PROVE

> DANGEROUS-INCIDENTS OF GOVERNOR'S DAY.

Camp Griggs, Sea Girt, July 15 (Special).-Gov ernor's Day at the State Camp to-day was marred by an accident that threw a temporary gloom over the day's ceremonies. While the afternoon drills were in progress Captain Cornelius A. Reilly, commandant of Company K, 1st Regiment, was exercising his men with practice at volley and skirmish firing. Finally he drew them up in company front near the centre of the parade ground, and ordered them to cease firing. The next instant there was the sudden crack of a rifle in the ranks. Captain Rellly staggered a moment, exclaimed "Boys, I'm done for!" and fell unconscious into the arms of Private Burns, who had hurried to his assistance. The men of the company and the nearby spectators were horrified to see that a stream of blood was flowing from a wound in the officer's forehead directly above the right eye.

At the first indication of trouble the members of the Ambulance and Hospital Corps were on the alert. They were occupying positions in three sections of the field, and were almost equally distant from the scene of the accident. All the detach-ments immediately started to the aid of the wounded officer, and the spectators were treated to the spectacle of a novel race. The detachment with the ambulance won by a yard over the two provided with litters, and Captain Relly was quickly lifted into the vehicle and driven to the regimental emergency hospital, where he was re-stored to consciousness by Captain Henry Allers, the battalion surgeon.

THE WOUND NOT DANGEROUS.

A hasty examination of the wound showed that it was not dangerous, being a painful gash caused by the wadding of the cartridge exploded by the discharged gun. In a short time Captain Reilly was removed to his quarters, where he rested the remainder of the day, attended by his wife, who had witnessed the accident. Mrs. Reilly was greatly shocked when she saw her husband fall, but she quickly rallied when informed that the injury was not so serious as at first anticipated.

Another person who grieved over the accident was Private Benzor, from whose gun the cartridge had been fired. Benzor was in the act of ejecting the cartridge, when the rifle's trigger was accidentally snapped and the cartridge exploded. The wadding passed through Captain Reilly's campaign hat. The unfortunate fellow who inadvertently wounded his officer became hysterical over the af-fair, but was finally quieted. Because of the mishap Captain Reilly was unable to assume his duty at guard mount as officer of the day, to which position he had been detailed.

Judging from the throngs of humanity at the reservation to-day to witness the military pomp, ceremonies, drills, parades and other features at-tending the celebration of Governor's Day, the towns of Essex County lost many of their residents temporarily. Before the first train from the State's capital steamed into the railroad station just outside the camp-grounds, the visitors began arriving. Residents of Newark, the Oranges, Bloomfield, Montclair, and the Hudson County towns of Arlington, Kearny and Harrison, who are sojourn-ing at the seashore resorts in this vicinity, com-prised the early arrivals. Most of them were driven to the encampment in vehicles or rode into camp mounted upon bicycles.

THRONGS AT THE RESERVATION.

By the time the day's festivities were at their height the population of the reservation was increased to more than five thousand persons. Several long trains laden with gay crowds of pleasure-seekers assisted to swell the multitude. Little children, joyous young people and men and women of every walk in life, all in gala-day attire, gave to the encampment the aspect of a gigantic fete. The camp was dominated, however, by the bold soldier boy and the dashing summer girl to such an extent that "Governor's Day" appeared to be a misnomer for the occasion. Sons were greeted by parents, brothers were saluted by sisters, sweethearts embraced lovers, and children sought out fathers who had not been seen by them for almost

fathers who had not been seen by them to a week. The militiamen began the day, which was made glorious by sunshine and delightful by cooling breezes wafted from the Atlantic, with rouring breezes wafted from the Atlantic, with rouring the First Cavalar Frelinghuysen and his troopers of work. Captain Frelinghuysen and his troopers of the First Cavalary enjoyed a road ride and drill in the forenoon, passing through the villages of Managuan and Brielle, and returned to camp in time to hold a dismounted drill with carbines in their to hold a dismounted drill with carbines in their company street. The companies of the 1st Regicular should be opened without costs. As she got no money from him she had a right to suppose the summons in the suit was in the line of enforcing consideration on her part for him, and was a sort of love-tag. Justice Fitzsimons took the papers and reserved decision.

A CABLE FLIRTATION; RESULTS; MORAL. ment indulged in morning drills of extended order movements, volley and skirmish firing being auxil-tary features. In the afternoon these drills were continued. Movements in battalion formation were also executed.

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The new officers of the guard selected are First Lieutenant Louis J. O'Rourke, of Company L. Second Lieutenant John C. Schock, of Company M. and Captain George M. Buttle, of Company G. Before guard moun; the regulars of Company F. 13th Infantry, who are in camp for rifle practice, gave an exhibition drill of extended order and skirmish firing with their magazine rifles. Captain Fornance was in command. Among those who witnessed this drill were Governor and Mrs. Griggs, the Misses Griggs and the Governor's guests and staff. The party occupied vehicles, and were thereby able to follow the movements of the regulars. Brigadier-General Wanser, his staff and his guests also saw the exhibition. GOVERNOR GRIGGS REVIEWS THE TROOPS.

At dress parade, in which ceremony the regiment and the troopers took part, there was a review by Governor Griggs, acting as Gommander-in-Chief, and General Wanser, the post commandant. Gov ernor Griggs was accompanied by Major-General William S. Stryker, Adjutant-General; Brigadier-General Richard A. Donnelly, Quartermaster-General; Brigadier-General John D. McGill, Surgeon-General; Brigadier-General Bird W. Spencer spector-General of Rifle Practice; Brigadier-General Joseph W. Congdon, Inspector-General, and

eral Joseph W. Congdor, Inspector-General, and Colonels William Barbour, Henry & Potter, Nathan Haines and Anthony R. Kusef, his aides-decamp. The members of General Wanser's staff accompanied the post commandant. Being attired in civilian clothes, Governor Griggs presented a decided contrast to the brilliantly uniformed officers of the staffs.

At dinner this evening Governor and Mrs. Griggs entertained Judge Gray, Generals Stryker, Donnelly, Congdon, McGill, Spencer and Wanser, Colonels Barbour, Haines, Kuser and Potter, Captain Fornance, commandant of the regulars; Colonel George P. Olcott, post quartermaster; Colonel Edward A. Campbell, of the 1st Regiment, and Captain Frederick Frelinghuysen, of the 1st Cavalry Troop, Among the guests at the Governor's cottage to-day was Mrs. Robert S. Green, of Trenton. There were so many prominent visitors at the "White House" and brigada headquarters that it would be unjust to the many to mention a few. This afternoon General Wanser officially swore in Colonel Robert G. Smith, Lleutenant-Colonel J. Howard Bumsted jr., and Major Arthur L. Steele, the new officers of New-Jersey

ment.

The Order of Military Surgeons of New-Jersey held its annual dinner and meeting this afternoon at the clubhouse of the New-Jersey State Rife Association. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Major William J. Parker, 4th Regiment; first vice-president, Lieutenant Leslie D. Ward, 1st Cavalry Troop; second vice-president, Major H. C. H. Herold, of Newark; secretary, Major Daniel Strock, 6th Regiment; treasurer, Captain Roy Inglis, Hospital and Ambulance Corps commandant.

HURLED FROM A WAGON AT A CROSSING.

FATHER AND SON TRY TO CROSS AHEAD OF AN APPROACHING TRAIN - THE FORMER DIES AT THE HOSPITAL

Max Rice, forty years old, a saloonkeeper at No. 121 Albert-ave., Newark, with his son Abraham, seventeen years old, were driving in a light wagon cross the tracks of the Central Railroad in front of an approaching train. The carriage was struck by an approaching train. The carriage was killed.

Rice and his son were hurled out of the carriage,
and were unconscious when picked up and sent to
St. Michael's Hospital. The father's chest was
crushed in and his left leg was broken. He died in
the hospital. The son was not seriously injured.

FIGHTING THE INCREASED COUNTY TAX. The Finance Commissioners of Jersey City had a conference yesterday afternoon with the Finance Committee of the Hudson County Board of Free holders relative to the tax budget for the fiscal year. The Pinance Commissioners emphatically declared that the county's budget must be reduced, as the city is not in condition to pay any reduced, as the city is not in condition to pay any more money to the county than it has in the last year. The city Commissioners intimated that they would not tolerate any increase and would appeal to the courts.

Jersey City pays nearly 70 per cent of the entire county tax, and the Board of Freeholders contemplated increasing the budget for next year by more than \$100.000.

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TO SELL CITY BONDS.

THE CONTROLLER TO INVITE BIDS TO-MORROW FOR AN ISSUE OF \$10,053,017 27. Centroller Fitch will invite bids to-morrow for \$10,653,017 27 of 314 per cent city bonds, payable in gold, divided as follows:

Additional water stock, \$1,750,000; sanitary improvement bonds, \$9,209; new stock Departme Street Cleaning, \$159,000; schoolhouse bonds, \$1,018,-029 47; water main stock, \$400,000; buildings, Depart-ment of Charities, \$350,000; buildings, Department of Correction, \$250,000; repaying streets, \$400,000; Third-ave. bridge awards, \$20,000; concourse awards, \$916,036 82; refunding Fort Washington Park bonds, \$867,310 08; refunding Appellate Division Supreme Court, \$389,431 90; total, \$10,053,017 27.

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It is the largest sale of bonds offered by the city since last November, when \$16,000,000 were placed upon the market and brought a handsome premium. It will also be the first sale of the kind made under the act of 1897, requiring bidders to deposit with the Controller 2 per cent of the amount of their bid. The deposit must be either in cash or a certified check on a National or State bank. There we're so many irresponsible bidders in former sales that it was found necessary to enact this law requiring the deposit named. All bids not accompanied by the certified check will be ignored. be ignored.

The bids will be opened at the Controller's office at noon of July 29.

SUED BY AN OLD ADMIRER.

A WOMAN DEFENDANT FINDS A DEFAULT JUDGMENT NO JOKE.

C. M. Beattie, counsel for Mrs. Carrie Totten, moved yesterday in the City Court before Justice Fitzsimons to open a default entered on July 7, when Henry Eugene Vogel, a Worth-st. commission merchant, who lives at the Park Avenue Hotel, obtained judgment against Mrs. Totten for \$366 49. Vogel, in his suit, alleged that he had lent Mrs. Totten over \$309, which she declined to repay. Mr. Beattie submitted to the Court an affidavit made by Mrs. Totten, in which she denied that Vogel had ever lent her the money as alleged, and had never asked for it. She added that she looked upon the service of the summons and complaint on her as a good joke, as Vogel bore the reputation of heing a practical joker. Mrs. Totten also said in the affidavit that she knew nothing about law, and in her ignorance allowed the twenty days allowed in which to file an answer to expire without having done so, with the result that Vogel obtained his judgment by default. When, however, the execution was placed in the Sheriff's hands and one of the deputy-sheriffs proceeded to levy upon her property, Mrs. Totten failed to perceive the point of joke, and consulted the lawyer who made the motion yesterday to have the case replaced on the

Referring to Vogel, Mrs. Totten, in her affidavit, says: "He is an old man who made violent love to me, which surprised me from a man of his years, me, which surprised me from a man of his years, and in view of the fact that I had only looked upon him as a friend who had called in a social way, and was received by myself and the members of my family. I believe he has brought this action because I was incensed at his professions of affection. If he was serious in the action, and it is not the result of senility in an aged man in the throes of fruitless love. I believe he would have asked for any money if he thought any was due him."

Two letters alleged to have been sent by Vogel to Mrs. Totten were read by Mr. Beattie. In these the writer said: "My feelings are beyond expression. That I love you no one knows better than yourself. The sorrows of my poor heart bised as I am writing this that I ever gave you an anxious moment. Deal kindly with Eugene, and remember that I am always yours and ever anxious to serve you in any form at any time with heart and hands widespread to serve and with great and unchangeable love." The letters, Mr. Beattie said, were sent to the defendant when her husband was absent from home. Mrs. Totten in her affidavit said that after sending such letters Vogel would call on her and cry in a lovesick way, and sob and sigh so loudly that she was afraid he would alarm the other occupants of the apartment-house.

Mr. Beattie closed his application by saying that Mrs. Totten had suffered so much from the violent lovemaking of her ancient admirer that he though her default should be opened without costs. As she got no money from him she had a right to suppose the summons in the suit was in the line of enforcing consideration on her part for him, and was a sort of love-tag. Justice Flizsimons took the papers and reserved decision. and in view of the fact that I had only looked upon

ROMANCE BEGUN ON A BROADWAY CAR AND ENDED IN A POLICE COURT.

Hear now the evil results of flirtation! Bernard F. Meyers, a clothing manufacturer, of No. 31 West Third-st., was coming down to business one morning last week when he espied beside him a young and charming woman. Meyers has an eyfor beauty, and, if one may judge from results, has a very fetching way with him. At any rate, he succeeded in getting into conversation with the fair lady, and by the time the car got to Third-st. he decided that he liked her. Indeed, he must have liked her, for he asked her to take luncheon with him that day. The lady was very sorry, bu she had another engagement that noon, but she some urging, to which she yielded gracefully, she gave him her name and address as Mrs. Werner,

gave him her name and address as Mrs. Wernor, No. 131 West Thirty-fourth-st. Then she slipped from the car, leaving behind her the delicate fragrance of violets. Perhaps it was musk, after all, but that is not a vital point.

Meyers says he wrote to the woman at the address she gave him. He doesn't say what he wrote, but the only answer he got was a visit from two men, who called on him yesterday morning at his office. One of the two introduced himself as Albert C. Werner, and he said that Meyers had insulted his wife by writing to her. For this wound he icclared that there was only one balm, and that was the "long green." Meyers was so frightened that he wrote out a check for \$100 worth of balm, and Werner hastily departed, leaving his companion, H. C. Day, a collector, of No. 77 Barrow-st., ostensibly to wait for him, but really to hold Meyers while the wounded husband got his balm prescription filled.

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But when Werner disappeared Meyers recovered his courage and escaped in time to stop the payment of the check at his bank. He also went to the Mercer-st, police station and got a detective, who arrived at his office just in time to stop bay as he was coming out. On Meyers's desk bay had left a note, which remarked: "You will get your letter when the check is cashed. H. C. D." Day appeared before Magistrate Flammer yesterday in the Jefferson Market Court, charged with attempted blackmail. The injured husband is still at large with his unfilled one-hundred-dollar prescription.

MR. IVINS'S COMPLAINT.

Ex-City Chamberlain William M. Ivins appeared before Police Commissioner Grant yesterday as complainant against Patrolman William J. Bobbyn, the West Sixty-eighth-st. station, whom he charged with false arrest. Mr. Ivins told the Commissioner that he was riding on a Columbus-ave car on June 15. When he boarded the car at Broadway and Thirty-fourth-st. it was full of passengers, and he had to stand on the platform. When the car reached Sixty-eighth-st, the conductor re-

quested him to step inside the car.
"There were half a dozen other men on the platform," said Mr. Ivins. "The conductor took my fare while I was riding on the platform, and I re fused to go inside, as there was no room. He then ordered me to get off the car, but I refused to go The conductor and four other employes of the com-The conductor and four other employes of the company then put me off the car by force. Two of the men grabbed me by the hands, another took me by the shoulders, and another pulled me by the head. I made no resistance except to remain on the car until I was forced off. The conductor then called Policeman Dobbyn and had me arrested. I was taken to the station, but the policeman said he had no complaint to make against me, and, as the conductor failed to appear, I was let go."

Mr. Ivins further stated that he called upon Policeman Dobbyn to arrest the conductor and the four men who put him off the car for assault, but Dobbyn refused.

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myself."
Acting Inspector Harley, who ordered charges against Dobbyn, said that the latter had no authority to arrest Mr. Ivins. THE STATE HAY CROP DAMAGED.

The recent heavy rains are reported to have Swollen creeks and other water courses have over lowed much meadow land and impaired the quality of the hay by submerging and soiling it. There is not likely to be a price-helping shortage of hay this scasor, however, counting upon the great harvest of the West; but State hay always has the commercial advantage of quick access to market, and there is yet a host of o.d-time buyers left who still regard New-York's growth as superior to any other production, and much interest is expressed as to the outlook. THE PLANS ALL IN.

PRELIMINARY COMPETITION FOR NEW-YORK LIBRARY DESIGNS ENDED.

ABOUT THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY COPIES OF THE CONDITIONS HAD BEEN APPLIED FOR -NOT SATISFACTORY TO MANY

PROMINENT ARCHITECTS.

The time allotted for the preliminary competition of architects of the Greater New-York, who were invited to make sketches for a new building for the New-York Public Library-Astor, Lenox and Tilden foundations—expired yesterday. George L. Rives, the secretary of the committee appointed by the trustees to procure designs, was absent from his office, at No. 32 Nassau-st., yesterday, but his clerks were kept busy receiving and filing the sketches that were sent in by the competitors. While the number of competitors who sent sketches could not be ascertained, it was said that about three hundred and fifty copies of the condi tions had been applied for by architects, and it

believed that most of the architects had entered the competition. Many prominent architects of the city declined to take part in the preliminary contest because they were not satisfied with the conditions. Among those architects were George B. Post, McKim. Mead & White, Bruce Price, Henry Rutgers Marshall, R. H. Robertson, H. J. Hardenbergh, R. W. shall, R. H. Robertson, H. J. Hardenbergh, R. W. Gibson, Babb, Cook & Willard, Edward H. Kendall, George Kelster, Rossiter & Wright, Carrère & Hastings, Berg & Clark, Renwick, Aspinwall & Owen, James Brown Lord, Charles C. Haight, Clinton & Russell and R. H. Hunt.

The preliminary competition will be judged by a committee consisting of Professor W. R. Ware, of Columbia University; Superintendent Bernard R. Green of the new Congressional Library and Dr. J. S. Billings, director of the New-York Public Library. For the twelve sketches which in their judgment are the most meritorious a premium of \$400 each will be given. The committee will then choose from the authors of the twelve sketches so selected certain of the competitors, not more than six in number, to take part in the second and final competition, selecting those judged best qualified by their professional training and experience to undertake so important a work. In order that the committee may make this selection with the fullest knowledge, these twelve competitors will be invited to send to the committee a statement of whatever facts they may desire to bring to the attention of the committee. The first meeting of the committee to consider the plans in the preliminary competition probably will be held on Monday in the office of Mr. Rives. The awards will probably be announced on August 1.

The persons selected in the preliminary competition, and not more than six other persons or firms hereafter to be named by the trustees, will be in vited to take part in the second and final competivited to take part in the second and final competition, which will be conducted under such conditions and in accordance with such instructions as the committee may frame. The competitors in the second competition will receive \$500 each for their drawings, which will be judged by a jury of seven persons, consisting of three members of the Board of Trustees, to be named by the Board; the director, and three practising architects, to be chosen by the competitors. This jury will, by a majority vote, select the designs, at least three in number, which they find to be the most meritorious, and will send them to the trustees, naming them in the order of their merit, and adding such comments and criticisms as they may see fit to make. The trustees will send one of the designs thus submitted to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment for its approval, subject to such alterations and changes as may prove necessary or advisable, and will recommend the author as architect of the building.

The library building is to be erected on the site of the reservoir at Fifth-ave, and Forty-second-st, and the cost of the building will be \$1.700,000, exclusive of the heating, lighting and ventilating apparatus, furniture, bookstacks and shelving, and also of the expenditure for architects fees and for the removal of the reservoir. The building upon which the plans in the preliminary competition are based will measure about 25 feet by 350, which will be set hack about seventy-five feet from Fitch-ave, and about fifty feet from the side streets. It will be fireproof throughout, and will be heated by steam applied in part through hot water. It is intended that the bookstacks and reading-rooms shall be susceptible of enlargement to a capacity of four million volumes, without disturbing the rest of the building.

The next regular meeting of the trustees of the Astor Library, which will form part of the New-York Public Library, will not be held until the second Monday in October.

MERCHANTS' EXCURSION PLANS.

REPLIES OF ORGANIZATIONS IN BALTIMORE AND PHILADELPHIA TO THE ASSOCIATION HERE. The Merchants' Association of this city won favor the eyes of the merchants of Baltimore and

Philadelphia by consenting so readily to the requests that the visiting merchants who are to get reduced rates of travel to New-York shall have the privilege of stopping over at those cities. President King of the Merchants' Association folkindness and tact. He wrote to the association of Baltimore and Philadelphia merchants, asking them to name agreeable dates for the purpose of arranging excursions for the visiting merchants on which the stop-over privileges would be used Replies have been received from both associations. C. H. Forest, secretary of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association of Baltimore, wrote that his association thanked the Merchants' Association cordially for the opportunity offered, and his letter contained the following paragraph:

I have discussed the matter with a number leading merchants to-day, and they have acquied in the opinion that the date selected by your leading merchants to-day, and they have acquiesced in the opinion that the date selected by your organization would no doubt be satisfactory to all concerned. However, if they were permitted to choose, they would select as the reduced rate the thirty days beginning July 29, c; if forty days were allowed they would select from July 29 to September 1. If, as I have been indirectly informed, the trade must all begin to move on the first six days of the reduced-rate period in order to obtain the benefit of the reduction I fear July 29 would be too early for many concerned, and the first week in August would be preferable for the beginning of the reduction.

Mr. Forest also wrote that the merchants of Baltimore would join heartily in trying to make the excursions successful, "believing that the sea

the excursions successful, "believing that the seaboard cities have a common interest in fostering this movement." The Board of Trade of Philadelphia, replying to the Merchants' Association, stated that the question as to dates for the excursion had been referred to the Board of Directors for ... Thousands of letters have been received by the Merchants' Association on the question of dates, and these letters are now being tabulated for the purpose of ascertaining the dates which would be agreeable to the greatest number of the letter-writers making such inquiries. This work probably will be finished to-day or to-morrow, and then some conclusion will be reached and announced concerning the first excursion.

THE PNEUMATIC-TUBE MAIL SERVICE. Postmaster Van Cott said yesterday that the work of laying the pneumatic tubes for the carry expects that the work will be finished and the tubes in working order early in October. There will be two routes-one from the Produce Exchange to the General Postoffice and the other from the General Postoffice to Station A, at Grand Central Palace. When these are in operation other routes will be laid, including one to Brooklyn.

TRIED SUICIDE IN A TOMBS CELL. John Scott Oliver, the California Deputy Sheriff who was arrested several days ago on an indict ment for criminal assault and abduction, attempt ed suicide in the Tombs prison yesterday afternoon He was taken to Bellevue Hospital, not dange ously injured. Oliver attempted suicideat the time of his arrest by trying to push a silver-mounted lead pencil and a watch key down his throat. He was prevented, and was closely watched at the Tombs, but succeeded in making another attempt yesterday afternoon.

HEIRS OF WILLIAM H. LOCKE WANTED. Parker & Aaron, attorneys, of this city, are look ing for the heirs of William H. Locke, who died or July 7 at the Gilsey House, where he had lived for a number of years. Mr. Parker drew the will of Mr. Locke, who was about sixty years old, and this will was filed on July 8. Before it can be probated, however, the heirs must be found. Mr. Parker said yesterday that Mr. Locke had made several be-quests to friends, none of whom were his relatives. His estate was valued at about \$150,000.

THE RUPPERT BREWERY ROBBERY. It was said at the office of the Jacob Ruppert

Brewery yesterday afternoon that there had beer no developments in the investigation now going on to discover who stole the missing \$1,200, the brew-ery's collections of July 3. The senior member of and no one could speak authoritatively as to the work of investigation. The detective agency having work or investigation. The detective agency having the matter in charge is reported as still delving into the mystery and trying to locate the responsi-bility for the money's disappearance. The larger safe from which the money was taken bears no evidence of having been tampered with, and the detectives have no other hypothesis than that the money was taken by some one acquainted with the office methods.



BARGAINS MARK MID-SUMMER

We are looking forward. Next summer's policy makes this summer's bargains. Present losses polish the future-will make June, 1898, bright. Low prices now, blaze the way for future newness.

GOOD NEWS OF CLOTHES FOR MEN AND BOYS

FIRST—MEN'S SUITS. Many wise Clothiers will say that what follows is false, and say it honestly. But they don't know. The world moves sixty miles an hour. Some folks get left. Bright men will heed.

Clay Serges (English) are the best in the World. We handle more genuine Clay Serges than any other exclusively retail Clothiers. The prices are \$20 and \$25 a suit. Vary with the tailoring. We offer to-day—

One Hundred Genuine Clay Serges at \$15 a Suit.

Also to make the attraction cumulative

One Hundred Skeleton Serge Suits, silk shoulder lining, of the best American Serge, at \$15 a Suit.

These twin bargains should win 200 men friends for us to-day.

SECOND—BOYS' SUITS. Half prices for whole boys. 350 suits—Brownie's and Middies, sizes 3 to 12 years. They are of all-wool fancy cassimere and cheviot, gracefully braided. Yesterday, \$4 to \$7.50; to-day, \$2 to \$3.75.

These suits are new. Next summer they would be old. First losses are best.

WANAMAKER SHOE STORE

It is a unique Shoe Store. Wants to make friends with the owners of all the feet that its Shoes will fit. Present appeals are to women and children only. Later, when preparations are complete, men will receive attention.

We believe it is possible to sell good Shoes at less prices, than the New York public have been paying. We are constantly asking that our policy be tested by current offerings. Four specimen offerings to-day:

IDEAL BOOTS FOR WHEELING

At \$1.60. Tan, duck tops, nut brown kidskin trimmings, soles of oak tanned leather. Good value at \$8, LITTLE FOLK'S SUMMER FOOTWEAR

Tan and black kidskin, buttoned or laced, very strong and stylish. Sizes, 5 to 8, 81; 8½ to 10½, \$1.20; 11 to 2, \$1.40.

JOHN WANAMAKER

Formerly A. T. Stewart & Co., Broadway, 4th ave., 9th and 10th sts.

At \$1.25. Of black kidskin, narrow toes with patent

At \$1.75. Of fine bright kidskin, round toes with

patent leather tips, soles of oak tanned leather, sewed by the Goodyear process. Were \$2.20.

leather tips, flexible turned soles. Regular \$2.

OXFORD SHOES FOR WOMEN

CENTRAL GAS LIGHT STOCK SOLD TO CAPITALISTS IN THE NEW-YORK AND EAST RIVER GAS COMPANY.

Capitalists interested in the New-York and East River Gas Company have purchased control of the Central Gas Light Company, which supplies gas in the territory north of the Harlem River, and they have incorporated the Central Union Gas Company, with a capital of \$3,500,000, to succeed the Central Company. The Central Company has had a monopoly in its field. It has "grown up" with the Annexed District. Its practice has been to lay pipes on both sides of streets-and it is well equipped. The company's capital is only \$500,000, and it is believed to have earned in recent years from 15 to 20 per cent a year. Up to two years ago it paid 4 per cent a year in dividends. Since that time it has paid 8 per cent. The par value of the stock is \$50. It has been quoted at 200 to 210. or \$100 to \$105 a share. This quotation was merely nominal. There have been no transactions in the stock in the open market for months. It is probable that the East River capitalists paid something like 500, or \$250, a share for the stock they acquired. The East River capitalists will exchange their Central stock for the stock of the new Central Union Company and other holders of

Central stock will have the same privilege.

It is believed that for \$100 in Central stock \$750 in Central Union will be given. The purchase of the Central stock for the East River capitalists the Central stock for the East River capitalists was made by H. B, Hollins & Co. It was denied that the East River capitalists intended to secure the Northern Gas Light Company, which operates in the Twenty-fourth Ward. Both the Central and the Northern companies make concessions to large users of gas. These discounts from the regular rate of \$1.20 per 1,000 feet are allowed: From 1,000 to 10,000 feet, 5 cents per 1,000; from 10,000 to 20,000, 7 cents per 1,000; from 20,000 to 100,000, 10 cents per 1,000, and over 100,000, 20 cents per 1,000. The Central Union and the East River companies are to be kept separate.

PLANS FOR IMPROVING THE SYSTEM RECENTLY

Second Assistant Postmaster-General Shallen berger arrived here from Washington yesterday and had a consultation with Postmaster Van Cott relative to the improvement of the harbor mail service, which was recently established to expedite the handling of mails brought to this port by foreign steamships. Assistant Postmaster Morgan, Mail Superintendent Clark and General Howard Carroli, of the Starin Transportation Company, were present at the conference.

The conference lasted almost two hours, and the Mr. Shallenberger made this statement:
"We discussed the details of the service, which,

in my opinion, requires improvement. Speaking generally, the new system is working very satisfactorily, but what we want to do is to make it perfect. The chief difficulty now seems to be the handling of the mails after they are landed at th several plers. As it is now there are not enough nen to deliver the mails quickly at their destina tion. General Carroll has promised to supply an additional force of employes to expedite the han dling of the mails at the piers, and I think that in the future there will be no cause of complaint in in the delivery of mails, as compared with the old system, and we hope when we have the system perfected to save many more-in some cases twenty-four hours. I am satisfied that the new system is a good one, and that is the reason that I am so anxious that it should be as perfect as we can make it." "Are the steamship companies co-operating with the Department in its efforts to expedite the

the Department in its efforts to expedite the mails?"
"At first some of the companies were greatly opposed to it, but they are rapidly coming around to our way of thinking. They thought that they would be delayed at Quarantine, but when we showed them that they would not lose any time, but, on the contrary, would save time, they changed their tactics. We give them a receipt for the mails at Quarantine, and that relieves them of all further responsibility. They understand now that we are not putting any obstacles in their way, and in future they will do all they can to aid us."

Mr. Shallenberger held an informal reception in the Postmaster's office, and was introduced to the heads of the various departments. He returned to Washington last night.

THE TURTLE CLUB'S DINNER.

On a wooded hill overlooking the Harlem River at Kingsbridge, the Hoboken Turtle Club yesterday had its second annual dinner of the season. The turtle was there, and it was served up by one of New-York's famous chefs, and was heartily enjoyed. There were 150 guests present. Resolutions on the death of John O'Nelli, the restaurant man, who was a member of the club, were adopted. Some of those present were ex-Police Commis

sioner Charles W. Kauffman, Captain James de Mandeville, Captain Alonzo T. Decker, of the Mandeville, Captain Alonzo F. Decker, of the Old Guard treasurer of the club; William Sulzer, presi-dent; William Spurb, vice-president; Major S. Ellis Briggs, Captain W. H. White, Major John H. Horsefall, Colonel Thomas E. Sloan, Captain George Green, Judge John P. Schuchman, J. G. Peene, ex-Mayor of Yonkers; Anthony Clinchy, Orrin Dennett, C. Stockton Halstead, Schuyler L. Gerard and John J. Brown.

OHIO AND THE GLOBE FIRE COMPANY. The revocation of the license of the Globe Fire Insurance Company, of this city, by the insurance authorities of Ohio is not worrying the officers of the company here to any great extent. President E. C. Jameson said yesterday that the company was always in hot water in the Ohio department, and

"Several years ago," said Mr. Jameson, "the Ohio Commissioners of Insurance came here to ex-amine our books. After spending several weeks and \$700 of our money we suggested that they should hasten the work. Then they went away in

that rates there were demoralized.

a huff.

"Two or three weeks ago Commissioner Matthews wrote us that he wished to make another examination of our accounts. We suggested that they join with some other State in making the inspection. This he refused to do. The New-York authorities were invited by us to make an examination, and we wired Matthews to that effect. He insisted on making his examination first. This we declined to allow, and the result was that our

NOW IN CONTROL OF THE COMPANY. | license was revoked. All Eastern companies receive peculiar treatment in Ohio." WALL STREET AND EXCHANGES.

There has been considerable buying of the stock

of the Chicago Great Western Railway by a promi-nent Boston house. Wall Street has had a report that the purchases were in the interest of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, and that an attempt would be made to secure represents tion in the Chicago Great Western's Board of Directors at the election which takes place in September. As has been explained, a large portion of the securities of the Chicago Great Western are of the securities of the Chicago Great Western are owned abroad. The London Finance Committee of the company is composed of William Lidderdale, formerly Governor of the Bank of England, chairman: Alexander F. Wallace, Governor of the Bank of England; Howard Gilliat, sub-Governor of the London Assurance Company; Edwin Waterhouse, of Price, Waterhouse & Co., and C. Sligo de Pothonier. Stephen Little, the New-York expert, has been selected by the London Finance Committee to pass upon the accounts of the company.

Bank presidents agree that the outlook is for an indefinite continuance of easy money. The banks in the interior are as well supplied with money, is reasonable to suppose that the interior banks will furnish most of the money required at first for the movement of the crops. It is thought hardly probable that there will be any activity at all in the money market much before the end of Angust. It would not be surprising if money rates in New-York, late in the fall, should drop below those in London.

Complete returns show the production of anthracite coal in June to have been within 2,000,000 tons. The trade has been helped by the soft coal strike, and there will doubtless be a demand for the entire 3,500,000 tons to be mined this month, if not more. The increased prices adopted July 1 are being obtained on all new orders.

custodian of the Custom House terminated yesterday. An order was received by Collector Bidwell from the Secretary of the Treasury to continue Mr. Leonard in his place for different days.

onds offered by Vermilye & Co. yesterday were subscribed for twenty-five times over. The sub-scription books were open only from 10 to 12 o'clock.

STREET NOISES AT THEIR WORST.

HOW THE NUISANCE STRIKES A RESIDENT OF WAVERLEY PLACE. Perhaps things are as bad in other parts of the

city. The writer does not know. He lives in Waver-Place, and about the state of affairs there he knows-to his cost-whereof he speaks. On the countenances of the dwellers in Waverley Place may usually be observed an expression of patient and chastened resignation. They are a long-suffering people, and have become so familiar with ill-treatment that the idea of protesting against it is the last that would occur to them. The why or the wherefore of the circumstance that their street is chosen by every huckster in New-York, every ambulatory vendor of fruit and vegetables, fish, ice, peanuts and corn on the cob for at least one and generally a dozen visits daily now interests them no longer. They are content to put it down to Kismet, and to dream (without sleeping) of a future state in which fish horns shall cease to trouble and the flower-plant man shall be at rest.

Last Monday, however, a more cheerful expres-sion was observable upon the faces of the resiients. The morning papers contained the news that an order had gone forth from Police Headquarters that in future peace was to be insured to quarters that in future peace was to be insured to the noise-ridden people of New-York. The glad tidings were carried from one to another, and those who had suffered so long in silence began to defy their tormentors. They shook their fists at the man with blackberries, whose voice would put to shame that of any Coney Island barker, and who perambulates the street for three hours at a stretch.

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"Ah!" they muttered through their teeth, "your rolgn is over. After to-day your power is gone. No more shall you and your kind defraud us of our hard-earned slumber. Shout your worst, for to-day shall hear the last of your shouting!"

At night they retired happy in the blissful anticipation of undisturbed rest in the morning. But a rude awakening was theirs. At 6 a. m. on Tuesday the familiar cry of "Ice!" was heard. The blackberry man followed, then others with straspherries, and raspberries, and fish, and vesetables, until the various cries were combined in the nervesplitting pandemonium of every day before. It has been the same every day since. Indeed, to the imaginations of the residents of the street it seems as if it were worse than before.

They are now asking why their glimpse of heaven should have been granted to them if it is not to go further. They had become resigned to their lot. Why should the Fata Morgana of peace have been exhibited to them, to make their last state worse than their first?

JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE'S ESTATE. The fact that the petition accompanying the will

of Joseph J. O'Donohue, which was filed in the Sur-rogate's office on Wednesday, estimated the value of the estate at no more than \$152,000 in real and \$5,000 in personal property, has caused some sur-prise to many of the ex-City Chamberlain's old friends, especially as the will left an income of \$24,000 a year to the widow and \$100,000 each to his two sons to use in their business, besides many charitable bequests. Robert K. Prentice, of No. 155 Broadway, who filed the will, said yesterday:
"Most people, I suppose, had an idea that Mr.
O'Donohue was a millionaire, but such was not the
case. The petition truthfully states the value of
the estate as near we can estimate it. The bequests are continuent upon the value of the estate,
and if it is not large enough to pay the legacies
and if it is not large enough to pay the legacies
the legatees must abide proportionately." Mr.
Prentice said that as far as he knew Mr. O'Donohue owned little property outside of this State. 155 Broadway, who filed the will, said yesterday:

THE NEW APPRAISER SWORN IN. Wilbur F. Wakeman, the new Appraiser of the Port, was sworn in yesterday noon at the Custom House by Collector Bidweil. He was accompanie by the retiring Appraiser, Walter H. Bunn. sequently he went to the Appraiser's stores, where he was introduced to the ten heads of divisions and entered formally upon the performance of his duties.

The term of Michael J. Leonard as assistant THE HARBOR MAIL SERVICE. The \$2,600,000 of Metropolitan Street Rallway ESTABLISHED.